

Application No. 10/069,609

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 8, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 11-16 are now pending. Claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended. Claims 18-23 have been cancelled.

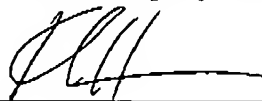
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Listing of Claims included in the Amendment filed March 28, 2005 be stricken and replaced with the Listing of Claims included herewith. Please retain the Remarks section of the March 28 amendment.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the appropriate status identifier ("Currently Amended" instead of "Amended"). Secondly, in the preliminary amendment filed by former counsel on February 25, 2002, there was no claim 15. Applicants have therefore further amended claims 16 and 17 to renumber them as claims 15 and 16, and have changed the dependency of claim 16 accordingly. Applicants thank Ms. Lawrence for pointing out these irregularities and for her assistance in resolving them.

A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should any further issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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